TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

196. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of training institutions in the State that train teachers who are undergraduates;

(*b*) the number of pupil teachers that can be trained from these institutions each year?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) One.

(*b*) At the most 150 pupil teachers can be sent out fully trained every year, according to the two-year scheme of training.

Mr. P. K. Paul (*Chalakkudi*) : Do the Government think that a single institution is capable of catering to the growing needs of the teachers.

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar (*Director of Public Instruction*) : No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What is the number of trained teachers Sir, required for the postwar reconstruction scheme, of Government in Education?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar (*Director of Public Instruction*) : At the rate of one teacher for every 30 pupils the total number of teachers required will be 6,000 and odd for the whole State.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know Sir, whether by this, one school we will have to reach Doom's day by the time we get the required number of teachers braved.

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar (*Director of Public Instruction*) : It will take a dozen years to train the required number of teachers if we are sending 300 teachers every year.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : Is it the idea to thrust in double the number that can be trained now in the existing institutions?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar (*Director of Public Instruction*) : The present strength is 150 teachers. That is according to the two years course. We are trying to run an emergency course by which double the number can be trained every year.

Mr. P.Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: With half training! is it, Sir?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiar *(Director of Public Instruction)*: Certainly not. As I said, we are trying to train double the number by working 240 days in the year instead of the present 170 or 180.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : Is the Department satisfied Sir, that by working for 240 days they can give sufficient training to the teachers?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction)*: A report will be submitted next year dealing with all these matters. This is the first year of the experiment.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Cannot a few more training schools be started, Sir?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar (*Director of Public Instruction*) : The matter is under consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Was there not a proposal Sir, to start a training school in Nemmara?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar (*Director of Public Instruction*) : There were several proposals to start training schools.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Will the Government be pleased Sir, to start one at Nemmara and one for the Talapilli Taluk. They are most backward areas.

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar (*Director of Public Instruction*): The localities cannot be announced offhand. The matter will have to be investigated.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will that investigation Sir' be accelerated?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction)*: Certainly.

Mr. P. K. Paul *(Chalakkudi)*: Is it not due to lack of accommodation that teachers above the age of 35 were exempted from training?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction)*: No. That was on sound education principles (*Laughter*).

Mr. P. K. Paul *(Chalakkudi)*: May I know, Sir, whether those exempted from training enjoy all the privileges of a trained teacher?

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Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction):* No. For instance they are not entitled to become headmasters. And they do not get certain promotions in the lower secondary grades which others get.

Mr. P. K. Paul *(Chalakkudi):* Is it due to the fault of those teachers that they are so handicaped. They have been serving long enough?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is their fault. They had been given sufficient opportunities to undergo training at their own expense. They did not take advantage of them.

Mr. P. K. Paul *(Chalakkudi):* Is there any difference between a teacher who has put in 15 or 20 years of service and a new comer?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction):* The difference is between trained and untrained teachers. Not between old and new.

Mr. P. K. Paul *(Chalakkudi):* Are all teachers expected to undergo training at their cost?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction):* Certainly they must. The Government help them to some extent; they encourage them by giving stipends.

Mr. P. K. Paul *(Chalakkudi):* The teachers who have put in 2 or 3 years service in the department are given this stipend but those who pass the age of 35 are not allowed to undergo training and they are not given any stipend at all. Is it just?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction):* They ought to have gone up for training before they attained 35 years of age. The Hon'ble Member should remember that training for a teacher is as essential as the passing of the B.L. examination is for a lawyer. A teacher should necessarily undergo training.

Mr. P. K. Paul *(Chalakkudi):* Whose fault was it?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction):* Their fault. They should go up for training at their expense. There is no rule that they should be taken for training.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the practice hitherto followed was to select the required number from the list submitted by the various schools from teachers having the longest service.

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambyiar *(Director of Public Instruction):* Not exactly longest service alone. Some of the requirements of the institutions must also be looked into.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are you correct, Sir, in saying to say that it is due to the fault of the teacher that he was not sent up for training?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction):* Certainly. It was entirely the fault of the teacher. He could have applied to be selected without waiting for being selected. But he thought he could wait till stipend would be given to him, without realising that stipend will be given only to a limited number.

TEACHERS—TRAINING IN BASIC EDUCATION

197. Mrs. K. M. R. Menon *(Trichur-Women):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any eachers are being trained in the basic system of education as envisaged in the Sargeant Scheme and whether the Government has any intention of introducing the system in the State;

(*b*) have the Government any idea of revising the salaries of teachers and introducing systems of pre-primary and adult education as envisaged in the Sargeant scheme for Post-war Education?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instrurtion):*

(*a*) No.

The matter is under consideration.

(*b*) The salaries have already been revised.

Pre-primary education is not proposed to be introduced.

For adult education, night schools with revised syllobus will function and also Rural libraries,

Mrs. K. M. R. Menon *(Trichur-Women):* What is the revised scale of salary for teachers?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction):* The revised scale is Rs. 20—40.

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